Introduced by Assembly Member Brownley

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 8286 of the Education Code, relating to child care and development programs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1195, as introduced, Brownley. Child care and development programs: advisory committee.

The Child Care and Development Services Act, administered by the State Department of Education, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer child care and development programs, which offer a full range of services for children from infancy to 13 years of age who are eligible for child care and developmental services. Existing law requires the Governor to appoint an advisory committee to assist the State Department of Education in developing a state plan for child development programs pursuant to that act.

This bill would require the advisory committee to assist the department in the development of a plan to implement any new federal grant funds made available after March 1, 2009, for child care and development programs and early childhood education.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8286 of the Education Code is amended to read:

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1 8286. The Governor shall appoint an advisory committee 2 composed of one representative from the State Board of Education, 3 one representative of private education, one representative of child 4 welfare, one representative of private health care, two 5 representatives of proprietary child care agencies, representative of a community action agency qualified under Title 6 7 II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1969, two representatives 8 of family day care homes, one representative of a child care provider exempt from licensure, five parents of children participating in child care programs of whom at least three shall 10 be parents of children participating in publicly subsidized child 11 12 development programs, and one shall be a parent of a child 13 receiving care from a child care provider exempt from licensure, 14 appointed from names selected by a democratic process to assure 15 representation of the parents of children being served, four persons representing professional or civic groups or public or nonprofit 16 17 private agencies, organizations or groups concerned with child 18 development, one person who administers a public school child 19 care program established pursuant to Article 22 (commencing with Section 8460), one person who administers a county office of 20 21 education schoolage child care program established pursuant to 22 Article 22 (commencing with Section 8460), and one teacher 23 currently serving in a public school children's center. 24

The advisory committee shall also include one representative from the State Department of Education appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and one representative each from the Employment Development Department, the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Health Services, and the State Department of Developmental Services, appointed by the respective director of each department.

The advisory committee shall assist the State Department of Education in developing a state plan for child development programs pursuant to this chapter.

The advisory committee shall provide ongoing coordination and communication to local child care planning councils to facilitate activities and provide technical assistance as needed.

The advisory committee shall continually evaluate the effectiveness of those programs and shall report thereon at each regular session of the Legislature.

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1 The advisory committee shall assist in and coordinate the drafting 2 of guidelines for local planning councils pursuant to Chapter 2.5 3 2.3 (commencing with Section 8499) of Part 6. The advisory 4 committee shall request state and local agencies to submit suggested guidelines. The final guidelines shall be drafted and 5 adopted by the committee, in consultation with local child care 6 7 agencies, local planning councils, the Secretary of Child 8 Development and Education, the State Department of Education, and the State Department of Social Services. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for assessing child care 10 supply, demand, cost, and facility needs, in terms of age, family 11 12 income level, special needs, and multilingual and multicultural 13 backgrounds. Guidelines developed for programs administered by 14 the State Department of Education shall be concurred in by the 15 department.

The advisory committee shall assist the State Department of Education in the development of a plan to implement any new federal grant funds made available after March 1, 2009, for child care and development programs and early childhood education.

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